

Lemon Grove State of the City Address

Presented by The Honorable Mayor
Racquel Vasquez





City Accomplishments

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- Enhanced built environment with street repair
- Beautified the City
- Added community events
- More recreational opportunities
- Supporting public art
- Planning for more art space
- Amplifying public safety
- Economic development focus



Infrastructure

By the numbers...

- 771,411 square feet of streets paved = Approximately 4.8 miles
- 2,451 potholes filled
- 201 tons of asphalt used
- 1,174 graffiti sites removed
- 238 illegal dump sites cleared





Community Life

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Through sponsorship, we continue to provide great community events for all walks of life to enjoy.

- Concerts and movies in the park, Eggstravaganza, annual bonfire
- Quarterly clean-up events
- Mural events and community art festival
- Resident-led Community Garden





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Thank you to the Lemon Grove Firefighters and Sheriff's Deputies for keeping Lemon Grove secure, safe and strong.

Fire service by the numbers:

- 1 fire station
- 5,033 calls for service in 2017



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Law enforcement by the numbers:

- 11,330 calls for service in 2017
- 6,483 calls for service mid-year 2018
- 2,808 deputy initiated activities
- 4,303 deputy initiated activities mid-year 2018
- 251 traffic citations mid-year 2018

The crime
rate is
down 15%





Business and Economic Development

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New businesses have been added to the community and new outreach techniques are being utilized for engagement.

- We've celebrated the Lemon Grove Bakery's grand reopening, Cali Yogurt, Eyeglass World, Dollar Tree, Ryan Brother's Coffee, Giardino Neighborhood Cucina, Fox and Flora to name a few.
- New Brewery regulations were adopted with 13 Point Brewery opening this fall!
- Social media business campaign #ShopLemonGrove and #LemonGroveEats
- Business Spotlights in *The Zest*



LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Introducing the dynamic duo behind Giardino Neighborhood Cucina



Lemon Grove is preparing to officially welcome a new family restaurant to town. Seasoned restaurant industry professionals and Lemon Grove residents, Marco Provino and Karina Kravalis, are the husband and wife mastermind team behind Lemon Grove's newest restaurant, Giardino Neighborhood Cucina, located at 8131 Broadway.

Giardino, Italian for 'garden,' was the inspiration behind the business' name. Chef Marco is passionate about providing a garden fresh menu that pays homage to his Italian roots, but also has modern California flair. To showcase the importance of fresh, quality ingredients, the restaurant boasts a beautifully appointed product display and wine selection room.

The duo has a desire to develop a sense of neighborhood and community with locally sourced produce and products that appeal to Lemon Grove's diversity. Described by Zagat as one of the most anticipated fall restaurant openings, Giardino's menu offerings are diverse, delicious and competitively priced. Must-taste items are the wood-fired pizzas, house-made pasta and ravioli and meatballs, which are a special family recipe passed down from Chef Marco's grandmother.

The thoughtfully sustainable, locally sourced materials and on-trend decor create a uniquely beautiful dining atmosphere for all walks of life to enjoy. The new owners intentionally used materials they could purchase in Lemon Grove or create by hand themselves. Marco, the Executive Chef, and Karina, Owner/Operations Manager, look forward to building a sense of community through gathering around the table for a special meal.

Whether you choose to stop by for an appetizer, glass of wine or full meal, this restaurant is a must visit for any occasion. **Giardino Neighborhood Cucina will officially open their doors to the public on Friday, November 17, 2017.** Curious foodies are able to view their completed menu in advance on their website: www.giardinosd.com.



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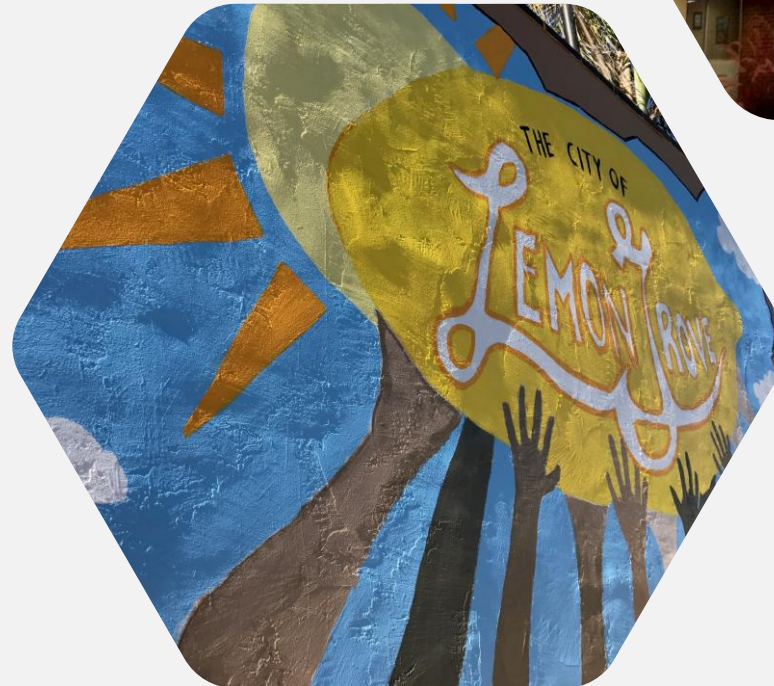




Finances & Future

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- We must develop new and viable sources of revenue
- Continue to do more with less
- Stabilize the City's current level of service
- Sustain Lemon Grove's future
- Strengthen our City finances





Thank You!

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